

THE MARSH FRITILLARY: EUPHYDRYAS AURINIA ROTT. AND OTHER LOCAL BUTTERFLIES IN DURFOLD WOODS, SURREY/SUSSEX BORDER in 1982. — On May 25 I saw a freshly emerged Marsh Fritillary, a species I have never before seen in 15 years of visiting the area; also large colonies of the Wood White, *Leucophasia sinapis* L. On July 18, the Silver-washed Fritillary, *Argynnis paphia* L. was abundant and included one f. *valesina* Esp. The White Admiral, *Ladoga camilla* L. was also very plentiful and although not seen by me, a passing acquaintance told me he had seen two ab. *nigrina* Weymer the previous day. Of the Purple Emperor, *Apatura iris* L., several males were seen feeding on decaying material, water etc. and, for the first time for many years, a female was observed flying at low levels when the sun reappeared from behind the clouds. At one time the insect was observed for 1½ hours feeding on something caught in the fork of a branch of a tree — about 20 ft. up — possibly sap or dead carrion. On being disturbed it flew in a slightly uncertain fashion to the top of a young spruce tree where it stayed for a further thirty minutes with its wings open, back to the sun, before flying off. — M. S. HARVEY, Highfields House, Highfields, Ashted, Surrey.

THE LARGE TORTOISESHELL: NYMPHALIS POLYCHLOROS L. IN 1982. — On May 9, a Large Tortoiseshell was seen for about 10 minutes at Ranmore Common in a sunlit clearing, flying in and out of trees and settling about 15 ft. up on a trunk. I have observed similar behaviour in this hibernator in the Sierras of Madrid. — M. S. HARVEY, Highfields House, Highfields, Ashted, Surrey.

THE COSMOPOLITAN: MYTHIMNA LOREYI DUPONCHEL AND OTHER MIGRANTS IN CORNWALL, AUGUST 1982. — While staying the last two weeks in August on the coast at Portleven near Helston, I recorded the following species. On the morning of the 25th I found a dark specimen of *Mythimna loreyi* Dup. in the m.v. trap, and between the 20th and 25th six specimens of *M. vitellina* Hbn. Larvae of *Heliothis peltigera* D. & S. were quite numerous on the flowers of *Matricaria* on Loe Bar, and nearby I noted seven larvae of *Macroglossum stellatarum* L. and one at Sennen Cove, near Land's End. Of the commoner migrants at m.v. I recorded *Phlogophora meticulosa* L. *Agrotis ipsilon* Hufn. and a number of *Peridroma saucia* Hbn. The migrant butterflies were represented by a few *Cynthia cardui* L., whilst *Vanessa atalanta* L. was quite abundant. — N. GILL, 3 Wentworth Drive, Elmley, Huddersfield.

NOLA AERUGULA HBN.: SCARCE BLACK ARCHES AND AUTOGRAPHIA BRACTEA D. & S.: GOLD SPANGLE IN SHEPPEY. — The following interesting species appeared in 1982 at the m.v. trap in my garden here; the dates are those of the mornings following the nights when the trap was operated. 14th July, *Nola aerugula* Hbn., three; *Meganola albula* D. & S. (Kent Black Arches), three and two or three every night since; *Autographa bractea* D. & S., one; 25th July, *Eilema pygmaeola* Doubleday (Pigmy Footman), one. — F. H. CLOUTER, Helice, Glendale Road, Minster, Sheppey, Kent, 29.vii.82.